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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : General Accounting Office Audit

1. During your meeting with [] on 9 August, you asked that he provide you with documentation relating to the determination of the General Accounting Office in 1962 to discontinue audit of [] of the Agency. You also inquired as to whether there is a clear agreement with the General Accounting Office for the destruction of records that could be subjected to GAO audit.

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2. Copies of the key correspondence relating to the discontinuance of the GAO audit are attached as Tab A. In summary, the decision to discontinue was the outgrowth of efforts beginning in 1959 to identify measures that might be taken to expand the scope of the GAO audit. The Agency cooperated fully with the GAO in consultation with the CIA Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee in this endeavor. The Comptroller General, with the approval of the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, finally concluded, however, that the audit scope could not be expanded and that continuation of the limited scope audit served no useful purpose.

3. The agreement concerning destruction of records is in the form of a letter, Tab B attached, to the Director of Central Intelligence from the Comptroller General, dated November 2, 1967, granting approval to a records retirement program. The approval explicitly provides for disposition of records in accordance with the schedule (furnished with the Director's letter of October 3, 1967, also at Tab B) "after conducting your own audit of accounts".

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